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WESTERN U.P. COMMUNITIES TO RECEIVE OVER \$2 MILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

LANSING – State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) announced today that eight U.P. counties will receive more than \$2 million for infrastructure projects through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s (MEDC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)—Grow Michigan Public Works Program.

“Thanks to these grants, U.P. communities can attract new jobs and strengthen our communities by improving existing infrastructure,” Senator Prusi said.

The following communities will receive CDBGs:

- Village of Baraga will be awarded \$150,000 for engineering costs to improve the public wastewater treatment system. The upgrades will be designed to serve the entire village.
- Burt Township will be awarded \$192,000 for new water well and transmission water main. The project will alleviate the contamination of the municipal water supply and provide excellent drinking water to the community and meet all state minimum containment levels for safe drinking water.
- Calumet Township will be awarded \$100,000 for public improvements to convert the former Calumet Armory Building into a community center serving the entire township.
- City of Caspian will be awarded \$128,188 for improvements to the city’s public sanitary sewer system. The project includes the replacement of 1,400 lineal feet of deteriorating sanitary sewer prone to excessive clear water infiltration and inflow.
- Germfask Township will be awarded \$169,500 for roof and building repair, electrical and heating upgrades, and the construction of a public restroom facility to the township’s public building. This building is used for numerous senior citizen/community functions, surplus food commodity distribution, community action meals twice a week, the traveling physician and assistance once a week, and by clients of the local mental health board.

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- City of Iron River will be awarded \$768,000 for improvements to the city's public sewer system. The project includes replacing 12,000 lineal feet of existing sewer collection piping and system appurtenances along portions of Lalley and Ice Lake Roads.
- City of Ironwood will be awarded \$400,000 for improvements to the city's public water and sewer system. The project includes upgrading 9,234 lineal feet of water main to improve capacity, pressure, and reliability. In addition, sanitary and storm sewer lines will be replaced as needed.
- McMillian Township will be awarded \$122,000 for public sidewalk improvements. The project will include the construction of sidewalk and street lighting along M-28. The improvements will allow the community, including school-aged children to walk/bike safely to the Ewen-Trout Creek School.

"I would like to thank the Granholm Administration and MEDC for their continued investment in U.P. communities," said Senator Prusi. "Their commitment to strengthening our local economies is greatly appreciated."

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Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes 13 of the 15 Upper Peninsula counties.